

## DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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Madeline Coulter City of Camas Community Development Department 616 NE Fourth Avenue Camas, WA 98607

Dear Madeline Coulter:

Earlier this month, I submitted a comment letter on behalf of the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) regarding SEPA review for the **SUB24-1002 Camas Woods** project. My comments pertained mostly to the proposed impacts to Oregon white oak (OWO) trees within the project site and the proposed mitigation plan to offset these impacts.

I would like to clarify that our intention in providing comments was not to prevent the project from moving forward, but simply to identify some parts of the plan that we would like to see revisited. We are happy to work with the project proponent as well as the City to discuss how oak protection and mitigation strategies can be strengthened. The project team has already reached out to discuss these parts of the plan, and we appreciate the opportunity to continue working with them to ensure that the project achieves the goal of no net loss of ecological function.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide input.

Sincerely,

Joy Peplinski, Habitat Biologist

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